

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) A cutting block for resecting a bone comprising:

a body having a first generally planar bone contacting surface and a second surface spaced from said bone contacting surface along an axis perpendicular to said generally planar bone contacting surface;

said body having a perimeter surface extending between said first and second surfaces, at least a medial and a lateral perimeter surface of the body curved along a plane parallel to the planar bone contacting surface and along a plane perpendicular to the bone contacting surface, wherein said body is to be used to resect a distal femur and includes a plurality of slots for guiding a saw blade, wherein said slot includes an inwardly facing end surface extending from a bottom slot surface to a top slot surface at a location adjacent said perimeter surface of said body and wherein an end surface of said slot has an arcuate portion extending toward a center of said body for engaging an edge of the saw blade.

Claim 10 (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) The cutting block as set forth in claim 9 wherein said end surface is formed by a cylindrical pin.

12. (original) The cutting block as set forth in claim 11 wherein said perimeter surface is polished.

Claims 13-14 (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) A cutting block for resecting a distal femur comprising:

a body having a width in a medial-lateral direction and height in an anterior-posterior direction and a proximally facing bone contacting surface and a distally facing surface opposite said proximal surface, said proximal and distal surfaces spaced along a central axis, said body having a medial and lateral perimeters extending between said proximal and distal surfaces wherein at least part of each of said perimeters is at a greater distance from said central axis than said medial and lateral perimeter at said proximal and distal surfaces and wherein the body has a width less than or equal to the medial-lateral dimension of the femur throughout the height of the block and a height less than or equal to the anterior-posterior dimension of the femur throughout the width of the block wherein said body includes a plurality of slots for guiding a saw blade used to make an anterior cut, a posterior cut, an anterior chamfer cut and a posterior chamfer cut on the distal femur, wherein said slots for said anterior cuts include an inwardly facing end surface extending from a bottom slot surface to a top slot surface at a location adjacent said perimeter surface of said body, wherein said end surface has an arcuate portion extending towards a center of said body for engaging an edge of the saw blade, and wherein said end surface is formed by a cylindrical pin.

16. (previously presented) The cutting block as set forth in claim 15 wherein said medial and lateral perimeter surface is polished.

Claims 17 and 18 (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The cutting block as set forth in claim 15 wherein said slots for said posterior and posterior chamfer cuts intersect said perimeter surface to form an open end.

20. (previously presented) The cutting block as set forth in claim 19 wherein the slot for the posterior cut further includes at least one pin extending from a bottom to a top surface of said slot, said pin adjacent a center of said slot and having a rounded outer surface for engaging the saw blade.

Claims 21-26 (cancelled)

27. (previously presented) A cutting block for resecting bone comprising:

a body having a first generally planar bone contacting surface and a second surface spaced from said bone contacting surface along an axis perpendicular to said generally planar bone contacting surface;

said body having a perimeter surface extending between said first and second surfaces, said perimeter surface at least partially curved with respect to said axis in both a direction generally perpendicular thereto and generally parallel thereto, wherein said body is to be used to resect a distal femur and includes a plurality of slots for guiding a saw blade, wherein said slot includes an inwardly facing end surface extending from a bottom slot surface to a top slot surface at a location adjacent said perimeter surface of said body, an end surface of said slot has an arcuate portion extending towards a center of said body for engaging an edge of the saw blade, and wherein said end surface is formed by a cylindrical pin.

28. (new) A cutting block for resecting a bone comprising:

a body having a first proximally facing bone contacting surface and a second distally facing surface spaced from said bone contacting surface along a central axis;

said body having medial and lateral perimeter surfaces extending between said first and second surfaces, the medial and a lateral perimeter surfaces of the body curved along a plane parallel to an anatomical transverse plane and along a plane parallel to an anatomical frontal plane, wherein said body is to be used to resect a distal femur and includes a plurality of slots for guiding a saw blade, wherein said slot includes an inwardly facing end surface extending from a bottom slot surface to a top slot surface at a location adjacent said perimeter surface of said body and wherein an end surface of said slot has an arcuate portion extending toward a center of said body for engaging an edge of the saw blade.